



DISASTER PREPAREDNESS & RECOVERY WORKING GROUP



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Butte County, California







Camp Fire Video 1



Camp Fire Sheriffs Bodycam - Video 2



November 8, 2018 – 6:15 AM

- Fire was ignited in a remote area of Butte County
- “Camp Fire” was driven North West by intense winds in areas of high fuel loads
- Moving from ridge to ridge, in less than 12 hours fire burned through communities of Concow, Paradise, Magalia, and Butte Creek Canyon.



BY END OF DAY:

- 46,000 people had to be evacuated from their home

Before it was ultimately contained on November 25, 2018:

- 153,336 acres were consumed
- Destroyed 18,793 structures
- Damaged another 664 structures
- Resulted in the deaths of 85 people



- To date the “Camp Fire” is the deadliest and most destructive fire in the history of the State of California.
- The sixth deadliest wildfire in the history of the United States and the world’s costliest natural disaster in 2018.

FEMA data shows evacuees spread across the U.S.



Distribution of Displaced Residents

- Butte County – 16,583
- Surrounding Counties – 1,508
- Northern California – 1,148
- Central California – 2,123
- Southern California – 369
- Other States – 980

Impact on Elected Officials / Boards

- No immediate elections
- Impact on Schools & Special District Boards
- Impact on Town Council
- Questions asked?
 - Who can vote
 - How long can elected officials reside outside of district

California Election Code Sections Define Residence and Domicile

EC 349. “Residence” and “Domicile” definition.

- “Residence” for the voting purposes means a person’s domicile.
- The domicile of a person is that place in which his or her habitation is fixed, wherein the person has the intention of remaining, and to which, whenever he or she is absent, the person has the intention of returning. At a given time, a person may have only one domicile
- The residence of a person is that place in which the person’s habitation fixed for some period of time, but wherein he or she does not have the intention of remaining. At a given time, a person may have more than one residence.

California Election Code Sections Define Residence and Domicile

EC 2021. Person away for temporary purposes.

- A person who leaves his or her home to go into another state or precinct in this state for temporary purposes merely, with the intention of returning, does not lose his or her domicile.
- A person does not gain a domicile in any precinct into which he or she comes for a temporary purposes merely, without the intention of making that precinct his or her home.

California Election Code Sections Define Residence and Domicile

EC 2022. Move to another state.

- If a person moves to another state with the intention of making it his or her domicile, the voter loses his or her domicile in the state.

“It is important to note, the reliance on intention”.

Attempts to Reach Camp Fire Survivors



- Disaster Recovery Center – 11/17/18 through 12/15/18



- Published press releases to local newspapers – Numerous times – and will continue



- Twitter – Numerous times – and will continue



- Facebook – One post 02/06/2019
- Mailed 19,000 Post Cards – 03/29/2019



Posted on Twitter 2.6.19

NEWS RELEASE

Candace J. Grubbs, County Clerk-Recorder/Registrar of Voters

(530) 538-6366

Date: February 5, 2019

ELECTIONS OFFICE IS URGING VOTERS DISPLACED BY THE CAMP FIRE TO UPDATE VOTER REGISTRATION INFORMATION

OROVILLE, CA – Butte County Clerk-Recorder/Registrar of Voters, Candace J. Grubbs, is urging residents displaced by the November 2018 Camp Fire to update their mailing address with the Registrar of Voters so that they will receive important election materials for upcoming elections.

“We want to help voters who may have been impacted by the Camp Fire understand how to update their voter registration. Options will depend greatly on what the voter’s intent is,” said Candace J. Grubbs, Butte County Clerk-Recorder/Registrar of Voters.

Voters who intend to return to their properties may retain the impacted residence address in order to continue to vote in their original precinct, but will need to update their temporary mailing address on their registration. Voters who do not intend to return to their impacted property address should re-register at their new permanent residence address.

For more information or questions on how to update voter registration information, please email elections@buttecounty.net or call 530-538-7761 or toll free 800-894-7761.

Outreach to survivors through department website.

The Office of:
Candace J. Grubbs
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Registrar of Voters

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New Items

- **ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS for the POSITION of ASSISTANT COUNTY CLERK-REGISTRAR OF VOTERS** PDF
- Voter Registration Fact Sheet for Voters Affected by Camp Fire PDF
- Elections News Release for Voters Displaced by the Camp Fire PDF
- Disaster Victims Assistance for Record Documentation
- Purchase certified copies of Official Records from our online search.

Elections Office

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County Clerk

- Marriage Licenses
- Birth Certificates

Recorders Office

- Recorded Documents/Official Records

The County Clerk Recorder/Registrar of Voters is an elected official who serves at the pleasure of the voters. The Departments' staff provides support to the County Clerk-Recorder/Registrar of Voters, and strives to provide excellent customer service in a responsive, conscientious, and uniform manner with the highest degree of professionalism.

Tweets by @buttevotes

Butte County Clerk-R @buttevotes
Our office will be closed on

Voter Registration Fact Sheet for Voters Affected by the Camp Fire



Candace J. Grubbs, Butte County Clerk-Recorder/Registrar of Voters wants to help voters who have been impacted by the Camp Fire understand how to update your Voter Registration record.

When voting, your residence address determines the contests that appear on your official ballot. Your mailing address is where we mail your voting materials, which is important because election mail cannot be forwarded to you, it is returned back to us. You may only be legally registered in one county.

See below for situations and actions to take regarding your Voter Registration.

1. Displaced Voters who intend to rebuild and return to affected address

If you have temporarily moved, but plan to return, you can continue to use the address of your fire affected property for voting. Give us your mailing address so you continue to receive election mail. If you are not already voting by mail, you may wish to sign up and receive a ballot in the mail for future elections.

- Call 530-538-7761 or toll free within Butte County 800-894-7761
- In person, County Clerk-Recorder Hall of Records, 155 Nelson Avenue, Oroville
- E-mail: elections@buttecounty.net
- Mail: 155 Nelson Avenue, Oroville CA 95965-3411

2. Displaced Voters who do not plan to return to affected address

You need to change your address. You may do this in one of the following ways:

- Re-register online at <https://registertovote.ca.gov>, or;
- Call 530-538-7761 or toll free within Butte County 800-894-7761
- In person, County Clerk-Recorder Hall of Records, 155 Nelson Avenue, Oroville

3. Displaced Voters who have not decided on whether to return or move

If you have not made a decision at this time, you can continue to use the address of your fire damaged property for voting. Give us your mailing address so you continue to receive election mail. If you are not already voting by mail, you may wish to sign up and receive a ballot in the mail for future elections.

When you decide whether you will stay or leave, update your Voter Registration record at that time.

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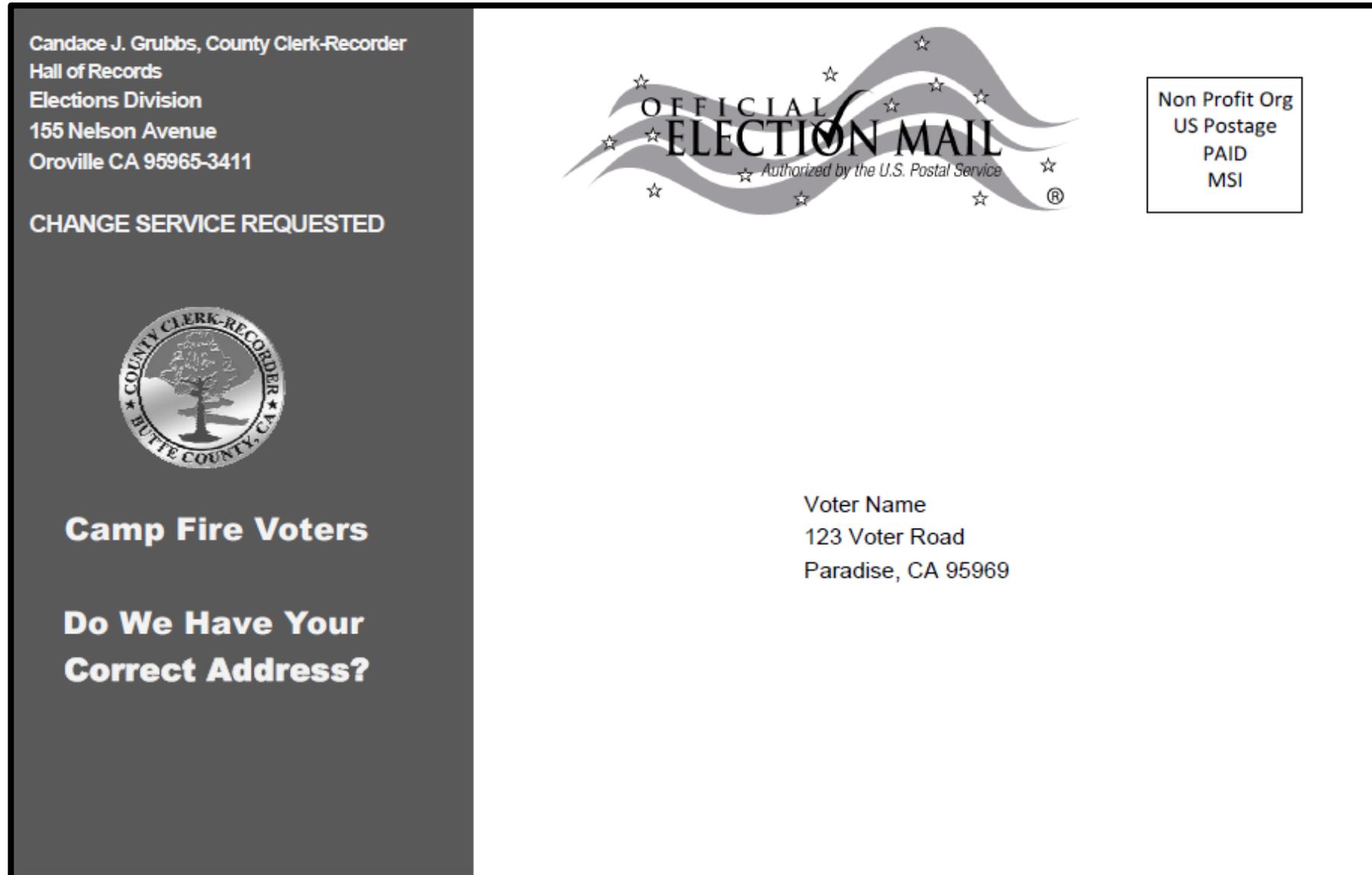
4. Displaced Voters who may have already updated your Voter Registration at DMV or made a Change of Address through the Post Office

You may want to check your voter registration status online. <https://voterstatus.sos.ca.gov/>

Review the items above to determine which situation best fits you. If an update is needed, you can do one of the following:

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Postcards sent to 19,642 registered voters week of April 1st



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Voter Registration Information for Voters Affected by the Camp Fire

Candace J. Grubbs, Butte County Clerk-Recorder/Registrar of Voters wants to help voters who may have been impacted by the Camp Fire understand how to update your Voter Registration Record. Address information has been received from several sources that indicates you may have a different residence and/or mailing address.

When voting, your residence address determines the contests you are eligible to vote on. Your mailing address is where we mail your voting materials, which is important because election mail cannot be forwarded to you, it is returned back to us. You may only be legally registered in one county.

Review information below to determine the situation that best fits you and complete and return the attached card.

1. Displaced Voters who intend to rebuild and return to affected address

If you have temporarily moved, but plan to return, you can continue to use the address of your fire affected property for voting. Complete section 1 on the attached card to give us your new mailing address.

2. Displaced Voters who do not plan to return to affected address

You need to change your address. Complete section 2 on the attached card to give us your new residence/ mailing address.

3. Displaced Voters who have not decided on whether they will return or move

If you have not made a decision at this time, you can continue to use the address of your fire damaged property for voting. Complete section 3 on attached card to give us your new mailing address.

When you decide whether you will stay or leave, review items 1 & 2 above and update your Voter Registration record.

If you were not affected by the fire, please destroy this card.

Questions? Contact Us:

In Person: Hall of Records, 155 Nelson Avenue Oroville Phone: 530-538-7761 or toll free within Butte County 800-894-7761

Email: elections@buttecounty.net

Name: Voter Name
Current Residence Address: 123 Voter Road, Paradise, CA 95969
Current Mailing Address: PO Box XXX, Chico, CA 95926

ID: 123456

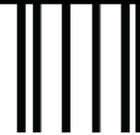
Read information on reverse to help you complete card below. When done, fold and use tape to secure for mailing. No postage is needed to return.

- 1. I will rebuild and return to affected address.
My mailing address is: _____
- 2. I do not plan to return to affected address.
My new residence address is: _____
My new mailing address is: _____
- 3. I have not decided whether I will return or move.
My mailing address is: _____

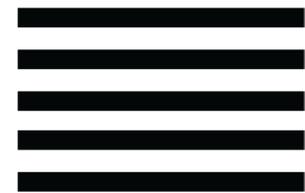


Permanent Vote by Mail Voting

Check the box to receive a ballot by mail for all elections.



NO POSTAGE
NECESSARY
IF MAILED
IN THE
UNITED STATES



BUSINESS REPLY MAIL
FIRST-CLASS MAIL PERMIT NO. 5001 OROVILLE, CA

POSTAGE WILL BE PAID BY ADDRESSEE

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Butte County Elections Division
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Oroville CA 95965-9903**



THANK YOU!

Questions?

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